

Abstract

Disclosed herein is a novel surgical instrument particularly adapted for use in surgeries involving a circular anastomosis stapler, and methods of using same. The subject instrument allows for the easy manipulation of an anvil of a circular stapler during surgery, to allow for improved placement of the anvil. The subject instrument and methods provide an improved gastric bypass technique which alleviates the need to pass the anvil down the esophagus, or through an incision in the upper stomach portion.